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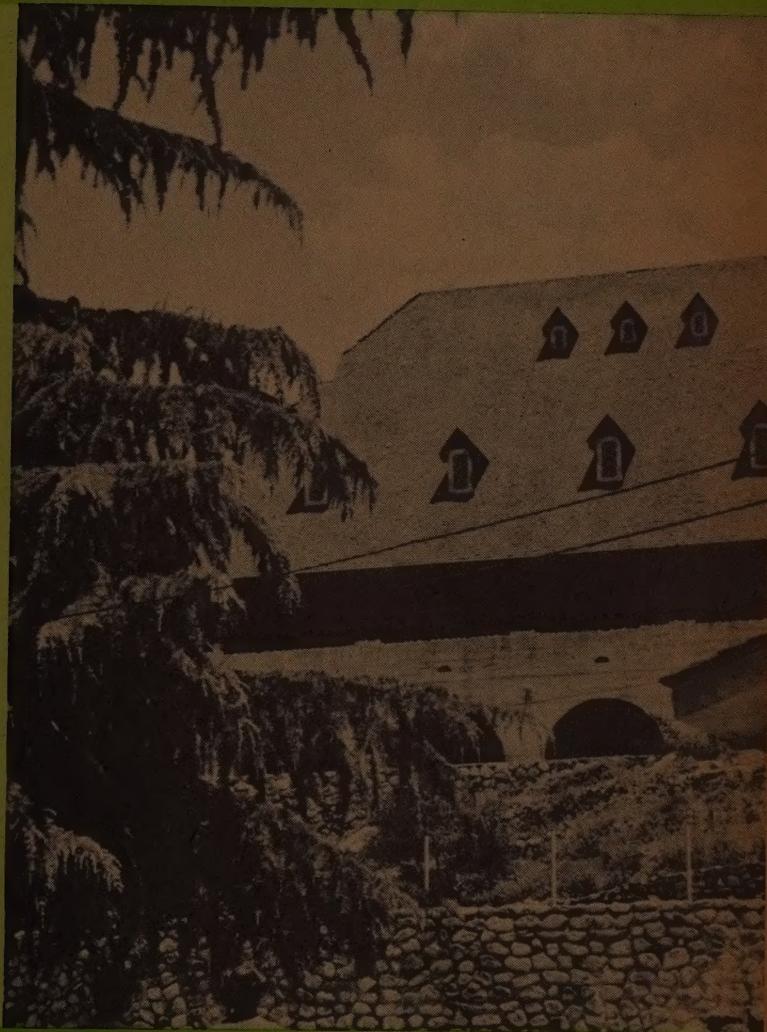
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*for the Southern California*

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## Editorial

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT UNITY?

To whatever extent this generation makes meaningful contribution, the unity of the Church continues to be the core of our reason for being. We Disciples need remind ourselves repeatedly of this. We need to discover ways, both old and new, of furthering this unity. Never will unity be advanced with ease; almost always it is the result of searching, provocative and often painful.

Our closer relations as congregations of Christian Churches provides encouragement and a favorable climate for unity. When any congregation identifies the conditions that make for division or cliques among its members, and in new commitment takes steps to bridge the rifts of division, the oneness of the Body of Christ is given new meaning. We should expect many manifestations like this — but only as we look, pray and labor for them.

At what point are you helping achieve the unity of Christ's Church? Responsibility falls on every age-group; it lies with every individual. Disagree we may; wrestle we must. Yet above all, let us strengthen Christ's witness today, not decimate it!

As one example, the State Convention approved the unification of five of its service agencies into one known as the "Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Southern California." Joined for more effective testimony in a secular world are the State Convention, Christian Missionary Society, the Board of Christian Education and the CWF and CMF. The purposes and procedures were studied extensively for three years; they will be under continuing review for improvement this year.

In our search for unity, among ourselves and with other Christian bodies, we must be very sure we are respecting the spirit and purpose of our Master. Our divisiveness cripples Him. We need seek ways in which, with an understanding of the convictions of other committed Christians, we give Him new power through our individual and collective testimony as a redeemed and a REDEEMING people.

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# VIEW POINTS

# CAPITAL PUNISHMENT -

# JUSTICE OR REVENGE?



Heber H. Pitman, Minister  
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Justice or revenge, as it relates to the problem of capital punishment, like most issues of our era, is as complex as it is pertinent to our decade.

We do well to recall that while the sixth commandment of the Mosaic code forbids "killing" in general, Jesus Christ, the Master of Men, lifts the level of spirituality in His teaching so that even anger and insulting remarks, which betray a spirit of killing in the heart, are condemned. Paul, while strongly urging the Christian to be a responsible citizen in the world community of which he is a part does so only after first pointing out a responsibility to a higher law; the law of love. This higher law would not deal in vengeance but would be concerned with positive justice in the framework of love.

Capital punishment seems not only to fail at the point of being a deterrent for crime, but fails to provide the more basic redemptive process whereby lives (both the punisher and the punished) may be changed for the better. In the age of "payola" there is a crying demand for renewed concentration on laying the moral and spiritual building blocks that provide the foundation for a society that will move toward a Christian approach to justice with love. \*

Arthur Hixon, Minister  
Sun Valley Christian Sun Valley



Some seek to justify Capital Punishment on the basis of the need for punitive action or that safety requires the execution of the offender.

I believe that the Christian is committed to a redemptive program. Vengeance is God's responsibility.

Any act which would unnecessarily and irrevocably prevent an opportunity for redemption would be contrary to my commitment as a Christian.

Safety is not the issue. Rich and poor murderers are equally dangerous, yet few rich murderers are executed. Society does not lack the means to restrain, for life if necessary, individuals who do not respond to a concern for their redemption (rehabilitation). \*



George Michky, Layman  
Central Christian, Van Nuys

In order to guarantee justice to all, our forefathers wrote and adopted the Constitution. Prior to the Revolution, the Colonies were governed by a penal code that emphasized revenge. Today, in

most states, the convicted criminal is sent to prison for treatment rather than punishment.

In my opinion, those criminals who intentionally commit murder, kidnaping, and criminal attack without remorse, cannot be treated or rehabilitated. These are minds with channels of communication and thinking that have been maladjusted. In our society, they serve no useful purpose and many merely exist to destroy. These are the habitual and dangerous criminals.

Justice was conceded to be a foundation stone in our society. Justice, then should prevail to provide capital punishment for those who habitually prey on society. \*

**LOCH LEVEN IS AN EXTENSION  
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.**

Have you ever wanted to get away from it all? To have a little mountain cabin away from the bills and the freeways? Too expensive? Not really, when you are in partnership with someone. Say 119 other Christian Churches.

Terrific changes are planned for Loch Leven the next ten years. But did you ever plan any improvement in your life that didn't cost more than you expected? The water system for example. We were all set to move forward with the construction of two new cabins when we found the water system was highly antiquated. Common sense told us we shouldn't construct our new buildings in a dry mountain area without proper fire protection. So \$18,000 of our carefully guarded funds will be spent to assure an adequate water supply and distribution system.

Summer brings a parade of campers who live and worship in God's outdoors. Winterized buildings will soon make it possible to encourage a year round program. Christmas in the mountains in a Christian atmosphere would be unforgettable. Accessibility is no problem. Since the elevation is only 4,000 feet the roads are always maintained yet we are only twenty minutes from the snow.

Is there anything more delicious than trout taken sizzling from the frying pan and eaten in the fresh mountain air? We have a small hatchery that keeps three trout ponds stocked. The young people catch them and turn them in to the kitchen for dinner. Dad doesn't give up that easily; he takes his home, for the freezer, at 35¢ each.

With the two new cabins, smaller groups can take advantage of Loch Leven. We won't have to guarantee thirty or forty campers to warrant opening the lodge. No one group of the church will be sole beneficiary of our mountain retreat. Everyone benefits, adult conferences, family campers, program planners, youth groups and children getting their first taste of camping.

Loch Leven is not a separate program but an extension of our local church. Our church leadership has grown out of camp and conference experience. Many of our young people have declared their intention for full time Christian service after a retreat spent close to God and fellow Christians.

Drive up and let Ralph McConnell show you plans for our half-million dollar vision. You will want to know where the new administration building and managers home will be. Notice the fresh design of the kitchen and dining hall. Coming attractions include a vesper bowl, a swimming lagoon and a health center — Johnny always needs a bandage.

One of the cabins to be built will boast an interesting triangular shape. Maybe it will be under construction by the time you get there. Say, before you leave, check with your budget committee to see that Loch Leven is listed there. Let's keep the 10-year plan for our retreat moving forward.

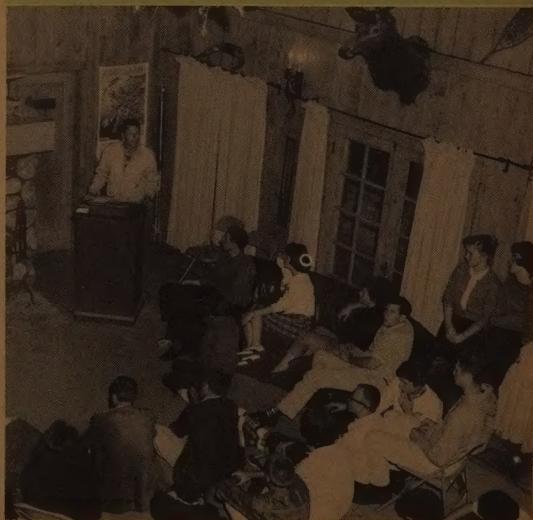
# **RETREAT**



Ralph McConnell manager of the  
Loch Leven Conference Grounds.



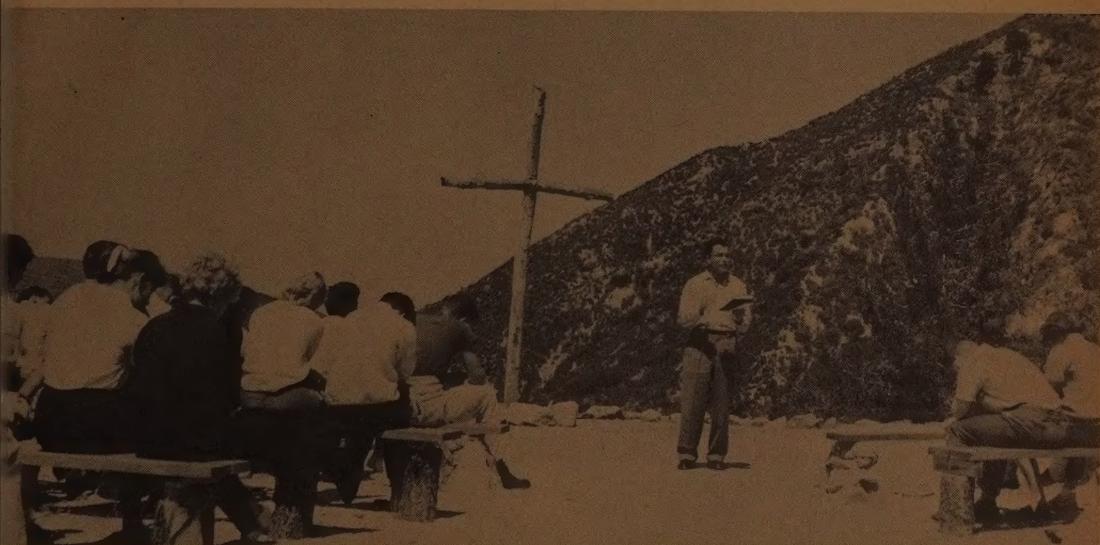
**Loch Leven summers are COOL, MAN, especially in  
the POOL, MAN!**



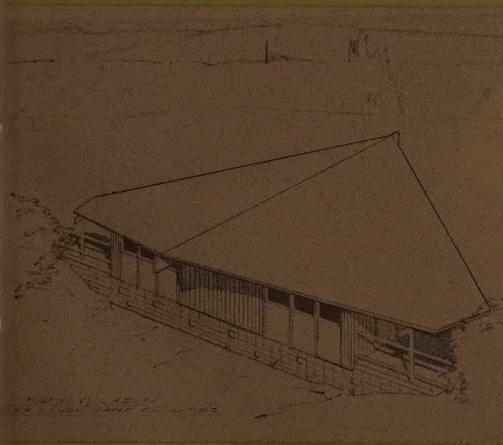
**Small groups seek new dimension for life.**

# - FORWARD!

by Elaine Hunt, active laywoman in Central Christian Church,  
Van Nuys, Calif.

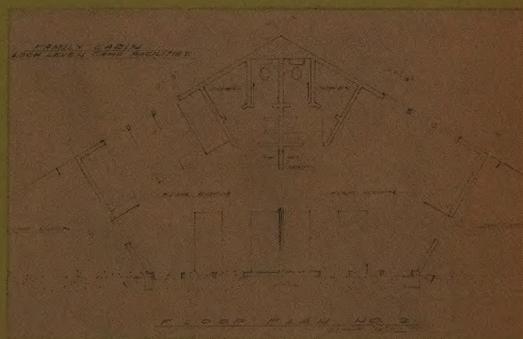


Inspiration Point; Here youth recognize their capacity for worship; become aware of their relationship to God and His creation.



Triangular shape family cabin will blend into hillside, roof to be grey gravel, sides of natural wood.

Triangular shape is functional for maximum of ten people or two separate groups of five.



Design of each new facility will accentuate the natural surroundings, rather than the structure itself.

# On Facing Death . . .

This is a grisly theme, and it could be a morbid one at that — especially in mid-summer — to be reading about the prospect of dying. This is not anything anybody in his right mind contemplates with any degree of enthusiasm. Actually, it is a topic we go on detours to avoid — like the ancient village enemies who always managed to cross the street, or at least look in another direction, when by coincidence their paths crossed — so we tactfully refuse to entertain much thought about death.

There is one way in which this may not be unhealthy. It is possible to become preoccupied with death, and as a consequence take on a kind of embalmed look, sepulchral. A cold, funeral demeanor betrays the underground environment of anybody who is "a little in love with death" — to use one of O'Neil's phrases. This is not desirable. For whatever we may say to the contrary, death is a formidable, oppressive, ugly reality:

The grave's a fine and private place  
But none, I think, do there embrace.

But in another way, a studied determination to refuse to face the fact of personal extinction (almost at any moment) is equally unhealthy.

For one thing, it is highly unrealistic. A reviewer of a recently published novel said that it seemed to him that the author was mainly interested in saying that it is not nice to die. But, he continued, even though everybody would agree with this, death is still something everybody has to face and while not an enjoyable experience it is hardly worth writing a novel to object to the arrangement.

This is the fact of the matter — there just isn't much we can do about death. We may prolong it with anti-biotics; erase it momentarily with cosmetics; ignore it with oblique references; but we have found no way of (essentially) putting death to death.

Secondly, if we refuse to confront the possibility of death we may become as unhealthy as when we think about it too much. To fail to confront death robs us of the necessity of dealing with our actual nature — finiteness. It also creates an illusion of timelessness in time, which makes it possible, if not necessary, for us to be materialistic, absorbed with, in love with things. Furthermore, the person

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by Ray Wallace

who cannot confront the realism of death, may become reckless, inconsiderate, improvident, hounded by excessive anxieties, or an escape artist — in short, his inability to cope with death is reflected in neuroses, or produces them.

I am convinced therefore, that the healthy person will consider seriously his own death and come to terms with the fact, so that he is not frightened by the prospect, but instead confronts it steadily, calmly, honestly.

This, it seems to me, would be beneficial in some very practical ways.

One — we would be much more careful in our driving, walking, eating, smoking, as well as our worrying. We would develop better habits of mental and physical hygiene.

Two — we would take better care of our daily allotment of time, as well as our relationships, and live with more thoroughness, gratitude and love.

Three — we would prepare for the needs of people dependent upon us in the event of our enforced absence, (an inconvenience which comes with dying) by developing sound insurance, investment programs and being careful managers of the material resources available to us.

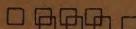
Four — our fear of dying might be lessened to a considerable extent, if we could come to view it as a perfectly natural event, probably not as painful and agonizing as we have assumed it to be.

Five — we would make sensible arrangements for the event and relieve our families of decisions which are hard to make under emotional shock, and are often impulsively arrived at, as well as unwisely; and also put an end to a good many funeral customs we may not ourselves personally approve or desire.

Now, what I have said about a healthy mature person should be doubly true of a Christian. We ought of all people on this earth to be willing to face what Paul called our "last enemy"! For if not the resurrection at the very center of our memory of Christ, we serve a Risen Lord; and do we not share a historic doctrine which speaks tellingly of "death being swallowed up in victory!"?

As Christians we will face death! We will confront it because it is nothing we can really ignore; is far more healthy to admit to than to treat as a grim illusion; AND because it is not anything we need to try to ignore, — for we believe that death is not an illusion, except that in its appearance of finality it obscures the deeper confidence we have, that in Christ, death presents not merely the end, but the beginning as well!

# INSPIRATION POINT



## FAMILY RESOURCES

1; The first of a series of articles  
Mr. Canady.

There is no place where worship can be as easily and as naturally experienced as within the intimacies of the home. No one has greater opportunity than a parent to lead a child from his rural experiences of wonder into growing knowledge of God and increasing sense of his place in His Father's world.

Especially to parents who live in rural areas is given this opportunity to guide in wonder experiences: a swarming mass of bees, the wonder of God's plan just for them; the way of a mother dog with her litter of puppies; a cocoon carefully kept and the breathless moment when it opens; the wonder of watching the birds build in the same hollow tree year after year; the mystery of tadpoles in a landscaped pool; the myriad kinds of seeds — soft, feathery milkweed bumes, cones from the big pines, beans that push up in the first garden.

For those who live in the crowded urban areas there are vacation trips, sometimes weekend trips to the mountains, lakes, or rest areas. Let a parent not overlook the opportunity of "exploration" hikes with the children, experiencing with them the wonder of God's creation. These experiences of wonderment can be caught up out of the everyday happenings to the child if the parent is discerning and can appreciate the value of these for worship. There is the time when a little boy comes with one hand tightly holding the hand of a little neighborhood friend whom he has been trusted to bring over to his house to play. Mother's bedtime talk leads to a prayer of thanks for trust. There is the night of

the Scout circus. Bedtime hours are forgotten, and every act is described to the family by a glowing-faced boy. A well-weeded garden may become a place of prayer. Let the family altar not be fixed, stolid, heavy piece of family equipment; it should be moveable, like the ark of old, so that any moment of wonderment naturally becomes a cause for worship. Shared experiences brought to a climax in worship moments can be one of the greatest contributions the home can make to the religious life of the child.

(To Be Continued)



Dean Canady,

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Christian Churches State Office.

## Defeat Problems With Faith



Dr. Hoke Smith Dickinson,  
Minister, Wilshire Christian Church  
Los Angeles, California

priate the promises of God in their fullest meaning could say that. We look with awe and admiration on such courageous faith. But we, too, can have the same faith in the face of our own problems.

The world cannot defeat such faith. No personal problem can defeat such faith. It rings with the life-giving affirmation that, come what may, God is still in command of things. It is the attitude that over and over again the scriptures try to get us to accept. "These are My orders," said God to Joshua, "Be firm, be brave, never be daunted or dismayed, for the Eternal, your God, is with you wherever you go."

In his "History of The Dutch Republic", Motley describes a scene between William, Prince of Orange, and Philip of Spain. Philip was threatening William with the confiscation of his goods and the loss of his life. With a courage inspired by the vision of the Christ he served, Prince William flung the challenge back into the face of the tyrant, declaring: "I am in the hands of God. My worldly goods and my life have long since been dedicated to His service. He will dispose of them as seems best to His glory and my salvation."

Only a man whose faith has made it possible for him to appro-

# STATE BOARD

May 17, 1960

1. On recommendation of the district presidents, approval was given to a plan to hold the district "assemblies" simultaneously on Sunday, April 23, 1961.

2. For several years, attempts have been made to help the Western Ave. Church become a cooperative church. However, this negro congregation did not respond. Therefore the property, which was held in the name of the Christian Missionary Society of Southern California, was sold to the congregation for \$18,000 and the name of the church changed to the "Thirtieth Street Church." In the past ten years, considerable Brotherhood money had been invested in this property.

3. This \$18,000 will be used as follows: \$10,000 will be held for development of another urban church and \$8,000 will be returned to the general fund to be used in strengthening several undeveloped departments and to provide equipment for some of them.

4. Funds in the State Society Treasury for Graduate Ministerial Training will be transferred to the Disciples Seminary Foundation as of July 1, 1960.

5. Request had been made by a congregation in El Cajon to be certified to the International Convention for listing in the Year Book of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). It is known as the Cajon Valley Christian Church, a split-off of First Christian Church in El Cajon.

The State Board approved a procedure of education and negotiation with the Cajon Valley leaders. This looks toward possible approval in the light of a study begun by a committee of the State Board; it will take into consideration the strategy for starting new congregations in Southern California.

6. Appreciation was expressed to president Harold H. Horn for his generous and able leadership of the Board during the year to close June 30, 1960.

## CHURCH EMPLOYMENT

Classified information pertaining to church life will be appreciated and printed without cost as space allows.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Suggestions for a better church, program or even just a good idea will be appreciated and printed as space allows.

# PEN POINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR will be appreciated and will be printed as space allows.

## COMING EVENTS

July 2-9	Niner's Conference
July 4	State Office Closed
July 5-30	Mexico Caravan
July 9	SOY Luau
July 9-Aug. 17	SOY European Tour
July 9-16	Chi Rho Conference
July 11	CWF State Board
July 16-23	CYF Conference
July 16	BPW Meeting
July 19	State Board Meeting
July 29-Aug. 3	Asilomar Missionary Conference
July 30-Aug. 6	Chi Rho Camp
July 30-Aug. 6	Family Camp

## DEACON'S DILEMMA

by Walt Stanchfield



"NICE OF YOU TO FIND ME A SEAT ON THE END - YOU SEE, I MUST RUSH RIGHT OUT AFTER SERVICE"

# Discipline Anyone?

by Lewis R. Eloe, Christian Minister and Family Counselor.

The first of a series of articles in the interest of family relations.

Many of us with growing families today are caught between what we call permissiveness and understanding and authority and control.

"How can you punish a child when you understand what he is doing, even though it may be wrong?" Mothers ask.

Actually, there is no division between understanding and control if one takes out the word 'punish' and thinks of discipline.

Discipline is an educative process which implies a learning experience. Punishment, on the other hand, means 'hurting another person in order to satisfy our own needs.'

Simply said, suppose a child is disturbing a family group in the living room. After one warning, father or mother may say "That's enough. Go to your room and stay there until dinner time." The child is banished from the group and must remain part until a fixed time of one or even two hours, depending upon the needs of the parents. The child is being punished!

If the child were being disciplined, the same warning would be given; the same suggestion,

perhaps, to go to his room, BUT the parent would suggest that the child is welcome to return to the family group when he (or she) feels like being with them again and is no longer in need of disturbing them. This permits the child to assume responsibility for his own actions and decisions and is a 'learning experience' in self control.

Fitting the discipline to the misdeed is another learning situation so that one can build constructively on mistakes. Denying T.V. or allowance privileges or 'no bike for a week' may make the parent feel as though his punishment is effective, but actually keeps the authority for action outside of the child.

If the child is disciplined rather than punished and is shown how to rectify his error by specific suggestions relating to the actual behavior, he will be more likely to understand what his mistake was and will be learning to accept responsibility for his own actions rather than having an unrelated privilege denied.

Meeting each new infraction as a stimulating educative process for the child and parent rather than looking at each unsocial act as a major riot between the child's world and adult authority will open a new and satisfying relationship between the child and his family.

## • SYNTHESIZED • STREAMLINED • SUCCESSFUL

Almost 1000 women attended the CWF Institutes in our eight districts of Southern California. There were several unique features brought about by the limitation of time. With the State Convention being held in June, it was necessary to hold two institutes on one day in order to make the rounds of the state. This meant a division of the State CWF Board into two teams and a cutting in half the number of workshops. There was a synthesis of departments into "division" workshops for: 1. General Administration 2. Study 3. Worship 4. Service. A more correlated picture of the work was possible as each department saw itself in relationship, within its division.

The Institutes were streamlined. In other years there had been afternoon sessions, but this year they ended at 1 P.M. Beginning at 10 A.M. there were division workshops until 11:30, then a coffee break for a half hour. The last hour was a shashaton period with reporters from each of the divisions and general discussion following. The Decade of Decision skit was presented or a brief meditation closing at 1 P.M. The whole program was workshop type for the purpose of leadership training, and almost \$500 worth of books were sold at the Institutes.

Were they successful? The answer is "yes" by the many responses al-

ready received. The women liked the shorter schedule; they preferred just workshops with time for discussion of local problems; they liked the correlation of work into divisions. San Diego District had a unique and different setup: in order to attract the women from the Imperial Valley churches a compromise was made by holding the Institute at Pine Valley Conference Grounds. San Diego churches and Imperial Valley churches each came halfway and there were large delegations from the churches of both areas. In addition to the 115 women in attendance, there were 20 children and baby sitters who met in a mountain cabin of one of the members. Requests are coming in that this plan of Institutes be repeated next year.

# PROGRESS

## NEW OFFICES OF STATE ASSEMBLY

The benediction in the final session of the 1960 State Assembly of Southern California Christian Churches was pronounced by Rev. Dwaine Cerbin, chosen only that day the 1961 Assembly president. The able minister of the South Bay Christian Church in Redondo Beach where he has led for the past seven years, his interest in the total Christian witness has been felt repeatedly both before and after he completed his seminary work at the School of Religion at the University of Southern California.

His co-workers in the next year will be Mrs. Jean Welan, first vice president, a member of the Eastside Long Beach Christian Church, and attorney John Sloan, second vice president, member of Wilshire Christian Church. The treasurer is Dick Tunison of Reseda, with the pastor of the East 28th St. Christian Church, Enoch Henry, chosen as recorder.

Already these officers have begun work on the 1961 Convention.

## INTERNATIONAL CYF COMMISSION DELEGATES

The International CYF Commission will meet at Lynchburg College, Virginia, from August 13-18 to consider the meaning of Christian Vocation for the youth of our churches. Delegates from Southern California to this annual youth gathering are: Bob Domingos, Santa Maria; Dave Hull, Westchester; Bonnie Haefer, Covina; Don Shelton, Bakersfield; and Pat O'Donnell, San Diego. The advisor will be Bill Terbeek of the State Office. Alternates for each delegate have also been chosen by the CYF State Executive Committee.

## SEMINARY GRADUATES TWO DISCIPLES

Clairemont, June 4 - In an impressive service of worship, commencement exercises were held at the Southern California School of Theology with twenty-one men receiving their degrees.

Two of these now have completed their academic preparation for the ministry among the Christian Churches. Jim Laughran has served as pastor of the Artesia Church; Edward J. Pollard, for recent months, has been in residence at the new student housing on the campus.

## DATES AVAILABLE

**LOCH LEVEN**-Advance planning makes a youth, adult, or Board weekend conference bring better results to the church and to the group. This has been proven as churches now make reservations for Loch Leven Christian Conference Grounds a year ahead. A few dates are yet available in the months of September, October, and November. A good choice of weekends is available for winter months. Campbell Lodge houses 52 persons, Ross Hoose 27, and Dye Hoose 16 persons. The two family cabins will accommodate 10 each. Write or call the Manager, Rt. 1, Box 274, Mentone, PYramid 4-2507.

Loch Leven Conference Grounds will be placing a full time staff person to help the present manager and a part time cook to begin work September 1 of this year.

## CMF LAKE SEQUOIA RETREAT

"Our Faith In Focus" is the theme of the All-California CMF Retreat at Lake Sequoia, August 26, 27, 28. This year the Retreat program is arranged by the Northern California CMF who report the program is planned to include Inspiration-Education-Consecration-Fellowship. Speakers are G. F. "Nimmo" Goldston, Director of Men's Work, State of Texas; John Hedwall, former Director of Men's Work in Southern California; Dr. Clifford Plopper, returned Missionary from China and Ben Stevenson, Special Music, Dep't of Men's Work, Indianapolis.

Total cost is \$10.50. Less than full time will be adjusted. Register through the State Office; forms have been provided each church.

## LOANS NEEDED

Churchman's Foundation announces it is seeking loans from individuals with which to help develop several church sites. 6% interest is currently being paid.

Those interested address Churchman's Foundation, 4160 Monroe St., Los Angeles 29, Calif.

## NEW ALBUM

**BEN STEVENSON**, popular baritone soloist, and on the National Staff for CMF in Indianapolis has recently had an album released for sale. Titled "Moments With God", it is 12 songs in Ben's meaningful style. Cost \$3.98. Sold by Bethany Records, Christian Board of Publication, Beaumont & Pine Blvd., St. Louis 66.

## CHURCHES REPORT YEAR'S RECORD

With the end of the Church year just past, each congregation is receiving forms to complete showing its achievements during the past year. This material is gathered by the State Office, under Miss Lucile Smith, to be collected on large charts and forwarded to the Year Book Department of the International Convention. The items that pertain to Southern California and its churches will be printed in the February issue of Christian VIEW-POINT.

With these forms also will be another which will enable the church to list its new leaders who are serving in specific positions for the year beginning July 1.

## NEW RESEARCH LEADER FOR N.B.A.

In order to provide adequate information to a growing number of requests concerning the problems of both older persons and children, a new research office for the National Benevolent Association has been opened in Indianapolis. President Orval D. Peterson, St. Louis, announces that Leslie G. Houston, occupying this new position, has been with the N.B.A. since 1955. The new office will be located in Missions Building, 222 South Downey Avenue.

## YOUTH ASSEMBLY - AUGUST 27

The Second Annual CYF Youth Assembly will be held Saturday, August 27, at the Wilshire Christian Church. The Assembly will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 8 p.m. Registration and cost for two meals will be \$2.00. Over 500 high school young people are expected to attend. The Assembly will follow this year's CYF theme, "Christ or Chaos." A featured speaker will be Mr. Charles Gibbs of Santa Maria. Some 40 adult youth leaders have been asked to guide discussion groups during the day. Other feature of the Youth Assembly will include entertainment, recreation, and a report from the delegates from International CYF Commission, and recognition of State officers for the coming year. The purpose of the Youth Assembly is to provide an opportunity for youth to sense their common Christian witness to a confused generation. The fellowship and inspiration of the day introduces our youth to a year of purposeful activity in the local church. Chairman of the Program Planning Committee is Karen France of Little White Chapel, Burbank.



thany, Pasadena Quartette receiving trophy from Dr. James Parrott, extreme left. From left to right are Galen Shaul, Milton Bilderback, John Hatfield and Lindblom.

The CMF Spring Rally at Chapman College was planned for the pleasure of the entire family. Featured were Iris Mack, Baritone; the Methodist Choral Group, directed by Mrs. Weldon Sneed. Five quartets competed in the "sing-off". The three winners were quartets from Bethany, Pasadena, Riverside First and East Hillier.

Winners of the Christian Sportsmanship awards were: Ronald Hales, baseball, Whittier First; John Rexith, basketball, Bakersfield Second; Richard Case, baseball, Bell First; Doug Houser, track, University, San Diego.

## E COUNTRY PARSON

Frank Clark, a member of University Christian Church in Des Moines, is the creator of the nationally syndicated cartoon, "The Country Parson." Mr. Clark has made his "Parson" available for use in the new United Outreach booklet for Southern California which tells the story of the total work of cooperative Southern California churches beyond their own congregation and around the world.

A number of months ago, churches were asked to place their orders for this booklet, now titled, "The Country Parson Sees Our Challenge of the Sixties." It attempts to bring to each home the answers to many questions. It can be used by schools and missions. Departments of World Outreach can profit by studying it, knowing it excludes no item from consideration.

When families receive this 20-page booklet, they are encouraged to care for it and use it in as many ways as possible during 1960-61.

## PLANS PROGRESS FOR "SANTA MONICA CHRISTIAN TOWERS"

The 117-unit apartment house for persons over 62 years of age, sponsored by the First Christian Church in Santa Monica, will be built immediately north of the church itself and provides efficiently arranged apartments of six sizes. Each apartment is furnished with wall-to-wall carpets, drapes, and a compact kitchen unit.

The Board of Trustees, with Pastor Wales E. Smith as its counselor, were gratified to announce as of May 22 that 25 apartments had been assigned by the payment of entrance fees.

One of the important questions raised is, "When will Santa Monica Towers be ready for occupancy?" All entrance fees are being received with the understanding that occupancy will be in about two years.

Inquiries on the part of interested people are invited by Santa Monica Christian Towers, addressed to 609 Arizona in Santa Monica, California.

## NATIONAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION MERGES WITH UCMS

After four years of study, the leaders of the National Christian Missionary Convention, composed of the members of the Negro churches across the nation, met at Missions Building in Indianapolis, according to Enoch Henry, pastor of the 28th St. Christian Church in Los Angeles.

By a mutual agreement, the National Convention was transferred to the United Christian Missionary Society's program and services, as well as staff, this to become effective July 1, 1960.

Unified Promotion has been asked to assume responsibility for financial approaches to Negro churches in keeping with the amount that heretofore has been given by the National Convention.

The able executive secretary of the NCMC, Dr. E. J. Dickson, will continue as the executive secretary of this new department within the United Society.

As the result of this merger, many leaders among both the Negro churches and all other churches feel that this is another significant step toward the oneness of the church and will provide mutual advantages to all parties involved.

## DEDICATION JULY 10

The new buildings of First Christian Church in Alhambra are scheduled to be dedicated Sunday afternoon, July 10.

Many friends over the Southland will want to join with this strong congregation as it sets apart the splendid new buildings to the honor of God. James K. Hempstead is the pastor.

## SOY LUAU - JULY 9

Newport Dunes will be the scene of a rollicking beach party sponsored by the Student Older Youth Fellowship on July 9. Activities will begin at 2 p.m., and conclude when the park closes. Each local group is to bring their own food. Admission to the Dunes, located east of highway 101 between Newport and Balboa, will be 50¢ a person. All college age youth are invited to join the SOY LUAU that afternoon and evening.

## RETURNS FROM FAR EAST

Miss Cammie Gray, retired missionary who spent thirty-two years in China returned to her home in Los Angeles after almost five months visitation in the Far East. Her itinerary included the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Formosa, Hongkong and Japan. By invitation she lived in the homes of her Chinese friends, and visited a great many former students, Chinese co-workers and church members who formerly were associated with her in Disciple work in China. These Chinese have now established their homes and work in other countries outside of Communist China. She visited also missionaries and national leaders in Ecumenical work. A personal friend of Miss Gray's, of the world mission work of the Disciples, provided in her will the amount of money necessary for Miss Gray to make this missionary journey.

Cammie Gray took many pictures and has a wonderful experience to share. She may be contacted at 1700 Amherst Ave., Los Angeles 25.

## POMONA PASTOR LEADS MINISTERS

Temple City — The newly chosen officers of the Ministerial Association and of the Ministers' wives met here to plan schedules and programs for the year.

Mrs. Dennis Savage is the president of the Ministers' wives, with Mrs. George Tolman as the vice president. Mrs. Wilbur Party, Jr., is the secretary, and treasurer is Mrs. Jerry McHarg.

The Ministerial Association president is R. Lee Pryor, with the vice president, Enoch Henry associated with him. Norman Leavell is the secretary-Treasurer.

Leaders of the ministers and ministers' wives announce the following schedule of meetings:

1960  
October 11 — Redondo Beach  
December 6 — Temple City  
February 14 — Pomona First

1961  
April 11 — Santa Ana First  
May 9 or 23 — Unconfirmed

## DISCIPLES IN FOURTH PLACE

Indianapolis, Indiana—Among 10 major Protestant denominations, Disciples of Christ gave 80,020 lbs. of clothing for the United Clothing Drive from January to April, 1960. This put them in fourth place.

The continuing need for this service goes on week by week, around the world. Church World Service's Center is at 919 Emerald Ave., Modesto, Calif. where shipments of clean, used clothing are always welcome.

## INTER-CHURCH CENTER DEDICATED

Indianapolis, Indiana, May 29—Four officials of the Christian Churches participated today in the dedication ceremonies of the newly completed Interchurch Center in New York City.

Taking part in the ceremonies at the 19-story National Headquarters Building for Protestant and Orthodox denominations were Dr. Gaines M. Cook, Dr. Virgil Sly, Dr. Willard Wickizer and Dr. George Walker Buckner. Leaders and representatives of more than 30 denominations shared in the service of worship.

The Center will house the headquarters of the National Council of Churches and a number of other denominational agencies. The International Convention of Christian Churches, located here, will maintain a liaison office there.

## FALL EVANGELISM ADVANCE

Sunday, December 11, 1960, has been set as Decision Sunday for a state-wide program of visitation evangelism for Christian Churches of Southern California. Trained Directors will meet with representatives from participating churches in a series of District Training Sessions. The dates of these training sessions are as follows:

Training Sess. I — September 13  
Training Sess. II — October 11  
Training Sess. III — November 29  
Training Sess. IV — January 10, '61

The pre-Christmas season is an excellent time for an evangelistic thrust. The holiday season puts people in a receptive mood. November is Religion in American Life month, and nation-wide publicity emphasizing the importance of church membership will be underscored by billboard, magazine, radio, and TV. Congregations interested in this program should communicate with the State Office as soon as possible.

## STILL CONFUSED OVER THE AIR-FORCE MANUAL CONTROVERSY?

A real advantage has emerged from the confusion that has prevailed in recent weeks over the Air Force Manual controversy. Part of the confusion is rooted in the names of various church groups and leaders. Toward this problem, the International Convention of Christian Churches office has gathered material on the history and organization of the major Protestant group, The National Council of Churches, and on the smaller fringe organizations.

A comprehensive look at the whole controversy and the perpetrators of the pro-communist charges made by these groups is contained in a booklet, prepared by the National Council, entitled THE TRUTH . . . ABOUT THE CHURCHES, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION, THE NOISY DETRACTORS. It is available from 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27.

## VIEW-POINT SKIPS AUGUST

Since Christian VIEW-POINT is published only eleven months a year, August 1 will be missed. The next issue will be September 1.

Readers will be interested to know that under the present publishing arrangements final copy must be completed four weeks prior to the date it is received in homes. Therefore much of the preparation must be made six weeks ahead.

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## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE DECADE

Our State Decade of Decision Stewardship goal is "realistic only when it is accompanied by a comprehensive program of Christian Stewardship education and promotion. Only a total, all-out program can achieve these goals". So reads the State Board document which sets forth the state potentials for the decade of 1960-70.

Churches having participated in the 1960 United Stewardship Canvass have taken an important step toward the decade goals. All Christian Churches of Southern California will have opportunities to take advantage of comprehensive stewardship programs.

The United Stewardship Canvass for 1961 is on the planning board. Stewardship Sunday will be May 21, 1961. The First District Training Services will be held early in March. Improved materials, plus more experienced direction will make the 1961 USC better than ever.

For churches which prefer to conduct an Every Member Canvass in the Fall of the year, there will be a special Training Session to train directors of local churches. Congregations are encouraged to communicate their needs to the State Office.

## LATE - BUT WELCOME!

In a 12-page booklet, Samuel Pugh calls attention of congregations, colleges, and agencies of the Christian Churches to A CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.

Long overdue for serious study, the author, who is secretary of the Local Church Committee of the Home and State Missions Planning Council, stimulates thought in four areas:

1. Our relationship to our minister.
2. Our relationship to our church officers.
3. Our relationship to one another.
4. Our relationship to our community.

The document has been studied extensively, received for evaluation by 500 congregations, and now comes to all congregations in the hope that it will be of real service to them.

Mr. Pugh will provide one free copy from his office at 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. and additional copies are to be ordered from the Christian Board of Publication.

## FAR-REACHING ARMS

White Swan, Washington, Yakima Indian Christian Mission — The Mission children enjoyed a collective Birthday Party in May, made possible by the women of the Woodland Hills Church in Los Angeles who sent cards with money gifts enclosed. They also sent funds for ice cream and cake, and many thanks — in fact, 30 thanks from our children.

# FAMILY ALBUM

## ANNIVERSARY

BELL, First Christian—Sunday, May 1, this congregation led by A.E. Worthy, held an all day celebration of the observance of its 35th Anniversary as a church.

Beginning with the church school hour and continuing through the morning worship service, a fellowship-luck dinner was highlighted by cutting of a huge Anniversary cake, and concluding with the evening service, the event was shared by many visitors and former members. J. Justin, a "Timothy" of the church was present with his family from Northern California. Mr. and Carlton Buck, ministers at First Christian Church in Fullerton led the evening service. Mr. Buck was ordained in the Bell church in 1934. Also present were two former pastors and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sacer, living in Orange, and Mr. and R. Lee Pryor, ministers at Monona First Christian.

## CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

ROSEMEAD — The travel season finds Mrs. Martine Bailey visiting in Utah; Mrs. Ollie McClure going to points in Kansas, and Mrs. Lillian Criss flying to Omaha and Duluth. Other guests will make journeys during the summer and fall.

The C.W.F. groups from University Church, San Diego and First Christian Gundersfield, recently made trips to the same by bus. Pico Arlington, Pomona and Ojai came by car caravan. Their visits were greatly appreciated by our people who also enjoyed showing them about the premises.

A new record of 108 guests in residence was established on May 10 when Mrs. Laura Smith of Huntington Park entered California Christian Home. Still, our waiting list grows apace!

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR NEW CHURCHES

Antelope Valley Christian Church in Lancaster will break ground for long awaited first unit of permanent buildings. This will be a very beautiful modernistic style and will do much for the enthusiasm of this growing congregation.

San Clemente Church, after having struggled for nearly four years without buildings, will break ground for their first unit. This will be a lovely set of buildings set high on a hillside to be seen from all directions.

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW CHURCHES

Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla, California, closed its charter membership on April 17 with 71 uniting with the church in a four months period. This list includes a formidable group of people representing outstanding citizens in science, education and other related professions of the La Jolla community. The church soon will be looking forward to the beginning of new buildings with the property having been secured. Ewert Wyle is the permanent minister of this congregation.

Windward Christian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii closed its charter membership on April 27 with 49 having united with the church in the three month period. Property has been purchased and Stanley Kain from Washington, Indiana is to be the permanent minister after July 1.

## "SERVANTS EMERITUS" HONORED

San Diego, University Church — When this congregation held its annual meeting May 25, it honored 10 of its older members. There were 4 elders, 4 deaconesses, 1 deacon and an organist. An attractive, personalized certificate was presented to each of them. Pastor Joseph Ray White leads this congregation.

When Curtis Farnham presented the budget for the new year he said, "Of our unified budget, we give about 35% now to world witness. This means that at this time, we are about three years ahead of the schedule of the Decade of Decision. Our hope is that within four or five years we shall come to the place of giving as much for others as for ourselves."

## STATE OFFICE VACATION SCHEDULE

Dr. Parrott	Aug 6	— Sept 3
Ray Wellington	Aug 22	— Sept 11
Russell Hensley	Aug 1	— Aug 31
Dean Canady	Dec 17	— Jan 3
Bill Terbeek	July 16	— July 31
Tom Green	July 1	— July 30
Lucile Smith		
Lucile Shaffer	July 11	— July 30
Dorothy Malcor	Sept 6	— Sept 26
Marie Davis	Aug 15	— Aug 20
Eva Jane Uhlmeyer	June 20	— July 1
Charlotte Hensley	July 31	— Aug 13
Wynn Adams	July 31	— Aug 13
Ada Harsin	Nov 17	— Nov 25
Frasier Cocks	July 3	— July 16
Jim Warren	July 31	— Aug 13



## VISIT FORMER PARISHES

When Clayton H. Wilson and his lady closed their interim pastorate with the First Christian Church in Gardena on June 1, they began "celebrating" their part in having helped merge the two congregations of the former Morningside Park Church and the Gardena Church into one. Their observance took on an unique expression.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson planned to revisit most of the churches which they have served during the past 45 years. This will take them back to Ravenna, Ohio where they began serving 44 years ago. (From this church, they went to Japan under the UCMS in 1921.) They will go also to LaPorte, Indiana; Paris, Tennessee; Morgan Park in Chicago; and Evanston, Illinois.

"Visiting many friends and relatives will enrich our journey. We hope many other ministers, including you, may take such an unhurried 'sabbatical journey' in due time." — And Mrs. Wilson adds, "It is a great blessing and great 'going' to be a minister's wife."

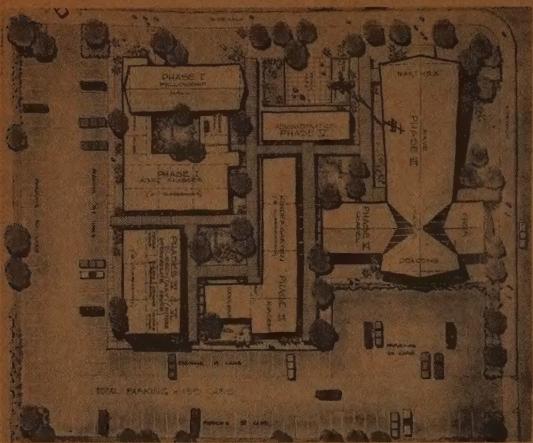
## A C.O.B. GRAD TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ventura—A member of the Pico-Arlington Church in Los Angeles, who after his graduation from Chapman College went to Lexington, Kentucky, to complete his seminary training, has become a director of Christian Education at First Christian Church.

Ronald Warren received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree at the College of the Bible in early June and looks forward to being back among his friends and colleagues of the Southwest. His mother is Mrs. Flo Ramey of La Puente.

► George Tinsley, honored long-time minister in Southern California, underwent surgery in early May in a Long Beach Hospital and has continued to improve steadily since that time.

► Santa Ana — Gerald Bash, Minister of First Christian Church, served two weeks active duty with the Navy in San Diego during May.



Above is pictured architect's rendering of the plan for Woodland Hills Christian Church complex. Phase one will include fellowship hall and classrooms. Other phases of construction will include sanctuary, administration and classrooms.

Woodland Hills Christian Church, May 22 — Impressive ground breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday afternoon when A. Ray Wellington, Administrative Secretary of Christian Churches of Southern California, brought the "Address of Consecration." The Woodland Hills congregation, where Floyd B. McCarthy is minister, had its beginning in July, 1954. Since that time, the church has been busy raising funds, purchasing property at the corner of Shoup and Oxnard Streets, and progressing with building plans.

The breaking of ground signified the beginning of construction which will start immediately. In fact, earth-moving equipment is on the site to accomplish the street improvements. Phase one of construction will include the building of fellowship hall and educational rooms. For a period of time, fellowship hall will also serve as the sanctuary.

This signifies another link in the chain of new Christian Churches being built in Southern California.

### PULPIT COMMITTEE LOOKS AGAIN

Victorville—After having extended a call to Fred Hughes who had agreed to begin with them on May 22, First Christian Church finds itself looking anew for a minister. The Board of the Lockhart, Texas church urged the local leaders to release Mr. Lockhart from his commitment so that he might continue with the Texas flock. "Reluctantly we did this," says Fred DeBelius, chairman of the pulpit committee, "So now we are looking further. Dr. Marshon DePoister began as our interim minister on May 22".



From left to right are George Long, Rev. Floyd McCarthy, J. G. Wood and Joe Weber.

### LAUGHRUN BECOMES MINISTER OF COUNSELING

Artesia — After having completed his graduate seminary work at Southern California School of Theology, the minister of First Christian Church has resigned to accept a new responsibility with First Christian Church in Whittier.

For four years, James Laughrun has given discerning leadership to the Artesia congregation. In addition to strengthening the purposefulness of the members, a site for relocating the church has been acquired and funds accumulated to erect the building.

In his new position as minister of counseling, Laughrun will develop a counseling center which will include individual and group counseling; he also will do some specialized teaching. At the same time, he will continue further advanced study on a Doctor's degree at the University of Southern California.

### CENTRAL FACES CHALLENGE

San Diego — "We are entering a new era for Central Christian Church." This was said several times when Wilbur C. Parry, Jr. was installed as the minister of Christian Education. "Under skilled leadership," says Pastor Heber Pitman, "we seek to map strategy for the long range future of the church."

Mr. Parry will lead in the total area of Christian Education, Youth department, Church School, Fellowships, and will strengthen the program in leadership education and community opportunities.

### EUROPEAN YOUTH DELEGATE

Carol Goedeck, a member of First Christian Church of North Hollywood and an International Christian Youth Exchange student in Germany, will be one of 17 delegates from the United States to the European Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Luzanne, Switzerland, July 9-23. Carol will represent California at the Conference, then will report to the CYF and SOY executive groups upon her return. She will also be available to church groups for a youth view of the Christian witness in Europe.

### UNIFIED IN PURPOSE, PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Riverside — As First Christian Church developed its budget for this year, it prepared a series of four major articles describing a concept of the church. Under the theme, "Unified in Purpose, Program and Budget" Pastor Samuel D. McLean notes the inclusion of an item for beginning a new church in Riverside.

### CYPRESS PARK TAKES IMPORTANT STEPS

As Thomas Stockton became the interim minister of the Cypress Park Church, lay leaders joined in developing the functional departments within the Church organization "to assure maximum efficiency in getting God's work done." Not only the leaders themselves are studying the meaning of this important step; they invite all families in the congregation to be responsive to these "handles".

## I. CALIF DISCIPLES TO EDINBURGH

All available modes of travel will be experienced by the World Convention goers. Even more varied are the trips planned for before and after Main Event. VIEW-POINT staff says "Bon Voyage; may their journey be pleasant, restful, and inspiring as they meet new folk from every corner of the earth."

The following names of those attending came in response from an invitation in the May UNIFIED INFORMATION:

### D.Y. TOUR (State Office)

Merri Canady, State Office  
at Vaughn,  
First Church Westchester  
at Bennett,  
First Church, Westchester  
on Leavitt,  
First Church, Westchester  
in Houston,  
First Church, North Hollywood  
and Swabby,  
First Church, El Monte

### Y.F. TOUR (U.C.M.S.)

Merri Canady,  
First Church, Westchester  
Aaron Mayer, First Church, Rialto  
Mary Barnette,  
First Church, Whittier

### GENERAL CONVENTIONEERS

Mr. & Mrs. William Heffentrager,  
Highland Park Church  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert F. Bunney,  
Highland Park Church  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Close,  
University Church, San Diego  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hartley,  
University Church, San Diego  
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Graves,  
University Church, San Diego  
Mr. & Mrs. Ford Freeman,  
University Church, San Diego  
Mrs. R. G. McKelvey,  
First Church, Santa Monica  
Mrs. Grace Carney,  
First Church, Santa Monica  
Mrs. Bonnie Eichholz,  
First Church, Santa Monica  
Rev. Wales E. Smith,  
First Church, Santa Monica  
Mrs. M. L. Riley,  
First Church, El Monte  
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Swaby,  
First Church, El Monte  
Rev. & Mrs. A. V. Havens,  
Rossmoyne Church, Glendale  
Mrs. Martha Havens,  
Rossmoyne Church, Glendale  
Mrs. Vivian H. Gillespie,  
Rossmoyne Church, Glendale  
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Sippel,  
First Church, Torrance  
Mrs. Ida Tabor,  
First Church, Brawley  
Mary Damaree,  
First Church, North Hollywood  
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. E. Breece,  
First Church, Honolulu

Dr. & Mrs. Le Vern Freeman,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Dr. & Mrs. Verne C. Crowl,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ghan, Sr.,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Rule,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mrs. Thelma Grossnickle,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mrs. Lettie Bond,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Mason,  
First Church, Huntington Park  
Mrs. Ruby McDonel, Sr.,  
First Church, Wilmington  
Mr. Dudley McDonel, Jr.,  
First Church, Wilmington  
Gregg McDonel,  
First Church, Wilmington  
Miss Shirley Lapier,  
First Church, Wilmington  
Mrs. D. E. Clark,  
First Church, Ventura  
Miss Virginia Wise,  
First Church, Ventura  
Mary Ellen Dickison,  
Pico-Arlington Church, Los Angeles  
Jim Marriott,  
Pico-Arlington Church, Los Angeles  
June Moss,  
Pico-Arlington Church, Los Angeles  
Helen Heckman,  
Pico-Arlington Church, Los Angeles

## CLAREMONT SEMINARY CHOOSES SANTA ANA

A member of the Camille Christian Church of Santa Ana, Phil Gerrard recently has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern California School of Theology.

Plans are steadily advancing for an affiliation between the Seminary and the Disciples Seminary Foundation.

Temple City, May 8 — James Pierson has begun his work as youth minister of Temple City Christian Church. Mr. Pierson will serve in this capacity while he attends Southern California School of Theology at Claremont, according to the pastor, Dennis Savage.

Mrs. E. C. Scott, Hollywood-Beverly Church, Los Angeles  
Mrs. Bessie R. Newport, Hollywood-Beverly Church, Los Angeles  
Dr. & Mrs. Cleveland Kleihauer, Hollywood-Beverly Church, Los Angeles  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cochran, Westwood Hills Church, Los Angeles  
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Burghardt, Central Church, Van Nuys

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## NEW BIRD IN MCLEAN FAMILY

Riverside — The congregation is pleased; the pastor is happy; the parsonage family approves!

First Christian Church has presented its minister, Samuel D. McLean, with a new Falcon automobile. When the announcement was read to a group in which several other ministers were present, they agreed, "Be sure to print THAT!"

## SIMMONS TO COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

John R. Simmons and his wife, the former Susan Quibell of Fresno, have announced their resignation from the First Christian Church of Barstow. After three years with the congregation during which it has grown numerically, as well as having completed the first unit of splendid building program, Mr. Simmons goes back to Lexington, Kentucky, there to complete his seminary training.

## IN THE INTERESTS OF ACCURACY

An earlier story announced the resignation of Foster Craggett as the minister of Avalon Church. The story concluded by saying that he planned to remain in the Los Angeles area.

This is true. But this does not mean that he must remain in the Los Angeles area. He and his family hope that they may continue to live and serve in Southern California, so this article simply pushed back the borders of their interest and willingness to serve.

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## BOOKS FROM BETHANY

Three recent publications from Bethany Press cover as many themes.

Dr. Stephen J. England of Enid, Oklahoma, has completed THE ONE BAPTISM. A summary statement on the biblical and historical basis of baptism by immersion, this book examines the strength and weaknesses in the various approaches to church membership and baptism in the Disciples of Christ tradition.

STORY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES is authored by Paul Griswold Macy, Special Lecturer in Ecumenical Studies in Chicago, Illinois. This book is primarily for the layman and about the nature, purpose and work of World Council of Churches, an exciting story from the beginning of the movement to the present. The purpose and work of the Council are made clear and meaningful to the reader.

Associated with the Bureau of Studies in Adult Education in Indiana, John McKinley has written CREATIVE METHODS FOR ADULT CLASSES. It is a skillful introduction to the methods of group dynamics and will assist the layman leading an adult class to attain a creative approach in the development of Christian experience. Methods described are the expanding panel, the sermon forum, group discussion, the seminar, the colloquy, the panel and the symposium.

## DICKINSON CLOSES SEVEN YEARS WITH WILSHIRE

Los Angeles — The congregation at Wilshire Christian has been surprised to receive the resignation of its pastor, Dr. Hoke S. Dickinson. He will conclude his ministry on July 31.

"I enjoyed my years at Wilshire and count them a very valuable experience in my ministry," says the man who also has served as a trustee of Chapman College. "The call from Unified Promotion came to me, and I feel it gives me an opportunity for a new and wider ministry in the life and witness of the Christian Church."

As he carries major responsibility for co-ordinating programs during 1960 among the agencies both in and out of Unified Promotion, he adds, "I'm sure I shall find in this new phase of my ministry a challenge and a deep satisfaction in having part in the Decade of Decision which will bring great strides to the progress of our Brotherhood."

## DARSIE PRESENTS RESIGNATION

Lynwood — The pastor of First Christian Church has presented his resignation to be effective September 1. At the time of his resignation, which will conclude a nine year ministry, his plans for the future were indefinite. He and Mrs. Darsie plan to remain in Southern California.

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